



STELLWAGEN BANK NATIONAL MARINE SANCTUARY



Habitats

Sand & gravel bank

Muddy basins

Boulder fields

Rocky ledges

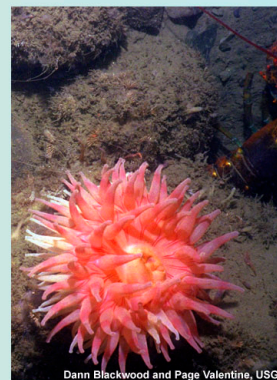
Open ocean



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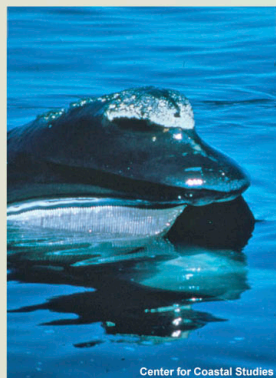


Key Species

Northern right whale

Humpback whale

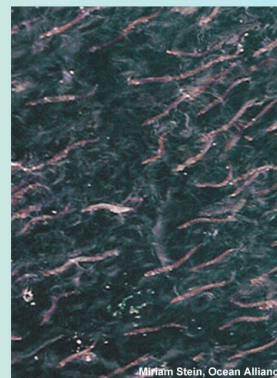
Atlantic Whitesided
Dolphin



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Wilson's Storm
Petrel

Northern Gannet

Sand lance

Astonishing Fact

New England's famous storms—"nor'easters"—carry enough energy to redistribute sand across the ocean bottom on Stellwagen Bank, some 100 feet below the sea surface.





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Astonishing Fact

Nearly one million visitors come to Stellwagen Bank each year, many to see the rare Northern Right Whale, which feeds in the rich waters on the bank. Only about 600 of these cetaceans survive.



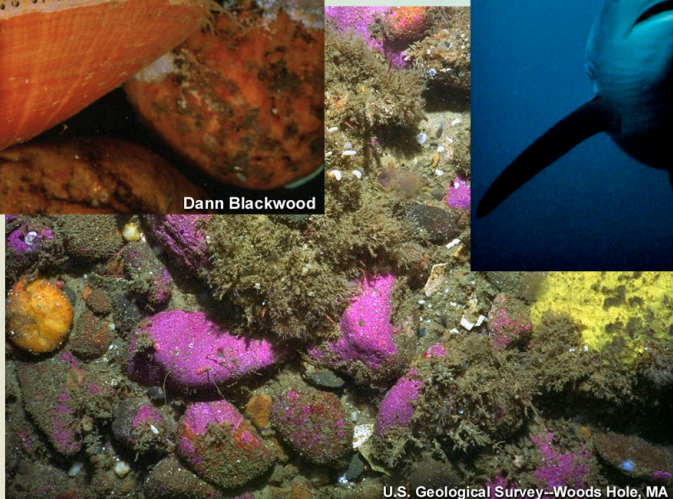
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